

NOTE: In view of the expedited time frames established in this part for processing requests for permanent authority, applications for TA will be entertained *only* in exceptional circumstances (*i.e.*, natural disasters or national emergencies) when evidence of immediate service need can be specifically documented in a narrative supplement appended to Form OP-1 for motor property carriers, Form OP-1MX for Mexican property carriers, Form OP-1(P) for motor passenger carriers, and Form OP-1(W) for water carriers. TA applications must be filed with the Regional Office which has jurisdiction over the area in which applicant's headquarters are located. Initial determinations of TA applications will be made by a Regional Motor Carrier Board.

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§ 1160.5 Commission review of the application.

(a) ICC staff will review the application for correctness, completeness, and adequacy of the evidence (the *prima facie* case).

(1) Minor errors will be corrected without notification to the applicant.

(2) Materially incomplete applications will be rejected. Applications that are in substantial compliance with these rules may be accepted.

(3) All motor carrier applications will be reviewed for consistency with the Commission's operational safety fitness policy. Applicants with "Unsatisfactory" safety fitness ratings from DOT will have their applications rejected.

(4) An employee board of the Commission appointed under § 1011.6(g) will review completed applications that conform with the Commission's safety fitness policy and that are accompanied by evidence of adequate financial responsibility.

(5) Financial responsibility is indicated by filing within 20 days from the date an application notice is published in the ICC Register:

(i) *Form BMC-91 or 91X or BMC 82 surety bond*—Bodily injury and property damage (motor property and passenger carriers; household goods freight forwarders that provide pickup or delivery service directly or by using a local delivery service under their control).

(ii) *Form BMC-84*—Surety bond or *Form BMC-85*—trust fund agreement

(property brokers of general commodities and household goods).

(iii) *Form BMC-34 or BMC 83 surety bond*—Cargo liability (motor property common carriers and household goods freight forwarders).

(6) Applicants also must submit Form BOC-3—designation of legal process agents—within 20 days from the date an application notice is published in the *ICC Register*.

(7) Applicants seeking to conduct operations for which tariffs are required may not commence such operations until tariffs are on file with the Commission and in effect.

(8) All applications must be completed in English.

(b) A summary of the application will be published as a preliminary grant of authority in the *ICC Register* to give notice to the public in case anyone wishes to oppose the application.

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§ 1160.6 Appeals to rejections of the application.

(a) An applicant has the right to appeal rejection of the application. The appeal must be filed at the Commission within 10 days of the date of the letter of rejection.

(b) If the appeal is successful and the filing is found to be proper, the application shall be deemed to have been properly filed as of the decision date of the appeal.

§ 1160.7 Changing the request for authority or filing supplementary evidence after the application is filed.

(a) Once the application is filed, the applicant may supplement evidence only with approval of the Commission.

(b) Amendments to the application generally are not permitted, but in appropriate instances may be entertained at the discretion of the Commission.

§ 1160.8 After publication in the ICC Register.

(a) Interested persons have 10 days from the date of *ICC Register* publication to file protests. See Subpart B of this part.

(b) If no one opposes the application, the grant published in the *ICC Register*